[Mr. G. Raman Menon].

in North and Central Travancore, until the requirements of those areas are met, or until an equitably proportionate amount has been spent in those areas in comparison with the amount spent for the purpose in South Travancore, and afterwards for other general purposes.

Recruitment of Magistrates from the Bar.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI;

This Council recommends to the Government that 75 per cent. of the Magistrates may, in future, be recruited directly from the Bar.

Powers of the Text Book Committee in prescribing Text Books.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I beg to move the following resolution:—

This Council recommends to the Government that the Vernacular Text Book Committee and not the departmental authorities be given the final voice in prescribing the text books for use in Schools.

To understand the force of the resolution, I would just describe the nature of the work that is done by the Vernacular Text Book Committee. The members of the Text Book Committee are required to go through a mass of books received by the committee and submitted to them for consideration. The first step is the process of filteration in which the approved books are separated from the unapproved books. Suppose the committee received 500 books. Out of these about 200 may be approved; And the remaining 300 are rejected as unapproved books. After reaching this stage and indicating the probable classes in which the approved books may be used as text books, the committee cease to have any further voice in the matter of selection of books. The rest of the function is entirely left to the departmental authority.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do they say anything about the standard for which the book may be used?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Yes, they indicate the standard for which the approved books may be utilised. For example, for Form III, 50 books may be suggested out of these 200 approved books. The rest of the process takes place in the recesses of the departmental office. In my opinion, the final voice in the matter of selecting the text book is, therefore, not with the Text Book Committee at all. During a previous stage of the history of the Text Book Committee, that is, till about the administration of the State by Dewan Mr. Krishnan Nair, the committee used to prescribe the books themselves and to send up the list of books selected and prescribed by the committee to the Government, and the Government used to accept the list.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Was the same course followed in regard to other text books?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Yes, with respect to the English text books also. I understand, since my resolution has been sent up, there has been some sort of trouble. Though the rules were

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